

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the second sentence on page 6, paragraph 00021 as follows:

- - Having overcome the spring force, the handle 44 actuates the ~~piston~~piston 26 through the shaft 58 (FIG. 2), whereas the displacement of the piston causes the footplate 30 to rotate from the position shown in FIG. 2 to the position of FIG. 3.- -

Please rewrite paragraph 00027 on page 8 as follows:

- - Turning now to FIG. 1, device 10 is shown in the at rest position in which handle 44 is in a position away from footplate 30. In this position, the piston 26 extends through the face of second jaw member 16 as shown, and ultimately will cooperate with grip enhancing points 42 which protrude from the face of jaw 18. Adjustment screw 22 is preferably spring biased by adjustment spring 21 (FIG. 1), so that adjustment screw 22 only moves upon manual rotation of the knob 20, resulting in linear displacement of jaw 18. Once the climbing device is positioned on the I-beam in the locked position of FIG. 2, the user may step on the footplate 30, which creates a downward force in the direction of arrow "H" (FIG. 2) causing the support member 28 to rotate in a clockwise direction about the pin 36 and force piston member 26 further through the face of jaw 16 to provide a greater force on the I-beam. Furthermore, the downward force "H" creates a moment force, which drives the grip enhancing points 42 into the I-beam with greater force to lock the climbing device 10 in place. Once the piston 26 establishes its locked position, the latter is secured by the locking mechanism 70 preventing accidental displacement of the piston 26 from its locked position.- -